

and there was no objection. So I would move to advance it for him unless there is going to be a discussion on it in which case I think Senator Cullan should be here. But basically, Mr. Speaker, all the bill does is to increase the statutory fee which county attorneys can charge for collecting bad checks from \$2 to \$7. It hasn't been changed in a number of years. They process sometimes three or four or more letters in getting the job done, sometimes considerably more were. So the \$2 fee in the opinion of the committee was ridiculously low and even \$7 probably doesn't cover their costs but at least we are getting it back up in the neighborhood of a reasonable charge. I would move its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? The motion is to advance LB 208. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: In approximately five minutes the Chair will appoint a committee to escort the Chief Justice. Now we will take up LB 70.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 70 offered by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6, referred to the Retirement Systems Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you just heard the bill described as the Clerk read it. The bill basically provides for an analysis of the rate of return received by state employees on the funds that they have invested in the retirement programs. It is not going to be an expensive process and the costs will be paid by the funds. I think it is a good bill and I would ask that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit, what was the fiscal note on this bill? Just a minute, you are not on.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Nichol, the testimony at the hearing indicated somewhere between 25 to 50 thousand dollars and it depends upon the extent of the review, but it would